

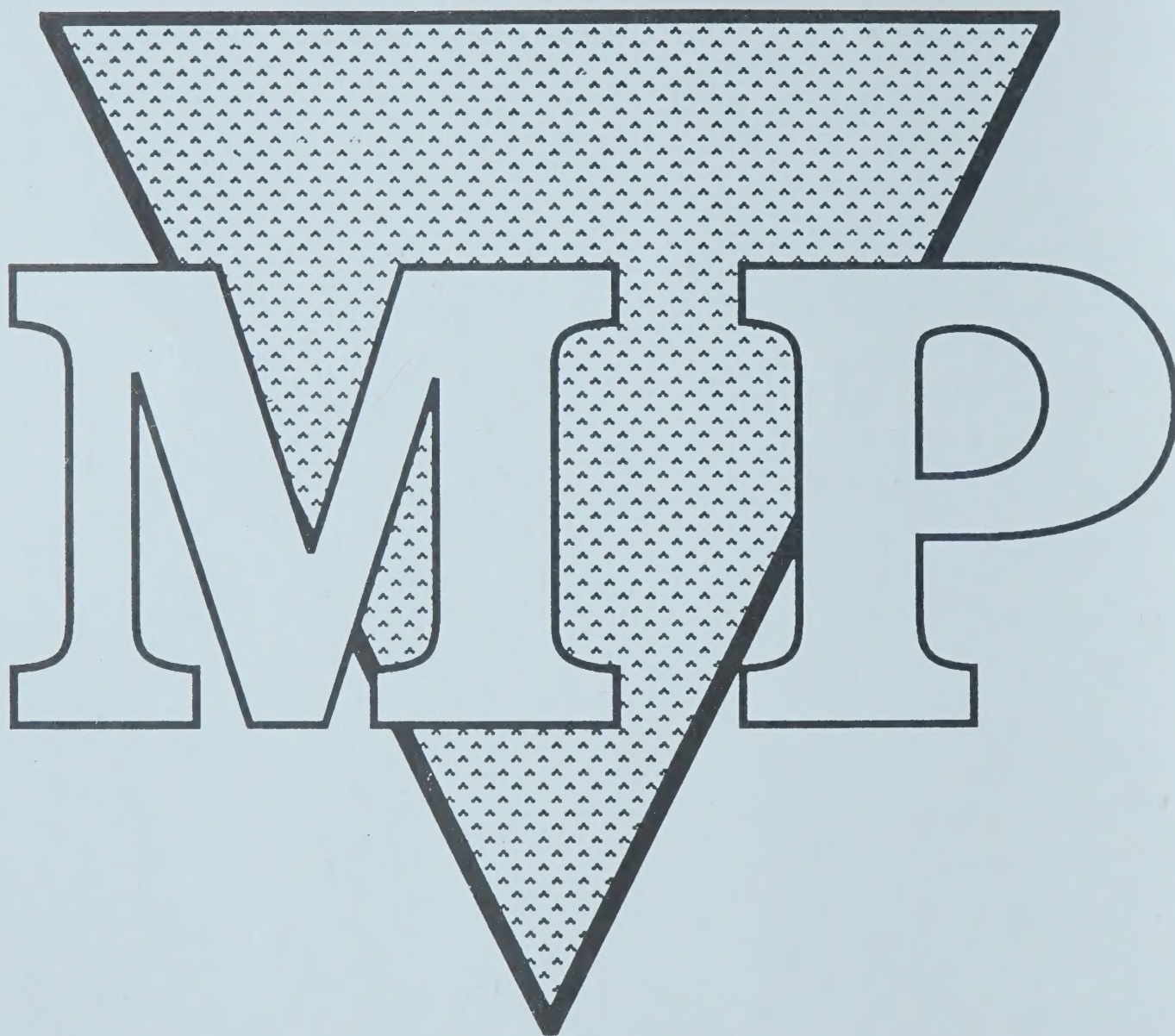
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## Editors Message

When North America entered the 1980's, gay's and lesbians here were for the first time in history finally achieving a sense of pride, and equality in a world of bigotry and hatred.

In late 1981, someone discovered a horrible new foe to our fight for gay rights, an opponent that made the likes of Anita Bryant pale in comparison. They called it Gay Related Immune Deficiency, and it would be the greatest detriment to gay equality and rights that the world would ever see.

As time progressed, it was given the name Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, and by that time thousands of gay men were infected, and many dying of this horrible new disease.

As we enter the 1990's, we can look forward to putting a stop to the AIDS epidemic. At least now, we know what it is, and how to avoid it. We can also look forward to more understanding and acceptance from the straight population, and with future events like the Gay Games in Vancouver this summer, we can look forward to increased, positive media attention, and hopefully a new level of acceptance in a world where we must be accepted and understood.

Breath a sigh of relief, with any luck the worst is over.

Be sure to watch the January 7 Calgary Herald Sunday Magazine. They are devoting a large portion of that issue to gay life and perspectives in and around Calgary. It should make for some very interesting reading!



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# Demented Things

By Liz Zsuffa



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I can picture it now; you're sitting at home on a Sunday afternoon, reluctantly watching golf and bored out of your mind. How can you liven up your life and indulge in your personal weirdness at the same time? This column will be dedicated to those of you out there who sit at home twiddling your thumbs (or other parts of your anatomy), just dying to upset the equilibrium of the universe.

One of the more popular things to do is to become a Calgary Transit nuisance. No doubt if you ride on the transit you have noticed that every bus and C-Train has one person who is decidedly Ponoka meat. In fact these people were so common I once thought they were hired by Toyota as a gimmick to sell more cars, but now I realize that they were simply people inventing creative ways to beat boredom.

How can you join this growing fad? Well, there are two basic ways to annoy commuters: look weird or act weird. It's better to just look weird, as it is harder to pin a charge on you for it.

To look weird you can adopt a leering, drooling facial expression (stick your tongue out at the mirror and practice "ack"-ing), or you could dress in something outrageous, yet subtle (put normal clothes over drag, allowing tantalizing peaks of lace to appear) or you could carry an attention getting item. For maximum effect you should do all three at once. Helpful hint: if you choose to go in drag, take a bus on Sunday morning when you can ride with the church going crowd.

You are much more restricted if you choose to act weird, because of course you want to do something that won't get you slapped or arrested. Pick a victim and ask, "Hey, wanna buy a used duck?" This will inject a much needed dose of surrealism to anyone's morning. Best of all, if you run into a transit cop you can always pretend you said "I wish I had a good truck." Infallible. The more adventurous can sing at the top of their lungs, knit a Peter Heater or (make the whole load of them neurotic) fidget uncontrollably on the seat.

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## CELEBRATION '90:

# Gay Games III and Cultural Festival



Vancouver, Canada will host "Celebration 90" the third Gay games and Cultural Festival starting August 8, 1990

Celebration 90 organizers are expecting as many as 20 000 participants and spectators to the 8 day festival.

Project Pride  
Calgary is hosting a  
registration and  
information session  
January 8 at Victoria  
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starts at 7 pm. and  
will give those  
interested a chance to  
learn more about the  
games, and Calgary's  
part in the Festival.

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Closing ceremonies at  
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## Medical research for AIDS/HIV related gut dysfunction

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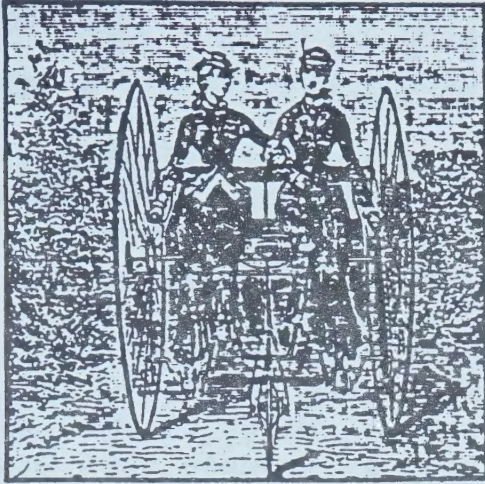
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# Pretty in Pink

By Karen Whyte

Little is known about the sexual transmission of HIV (AIDS) between women because little is known about the effects of HIV on vaginal juices and lesbian health has always been a low priority to the medical establishment. Some AIDS workers argue that the fluids produced by a healthy vagina of a woman with HIV infection are very unlikely to contain an infectious amount of HIV. However, if a woman has any other kind of vaginal infection, white blood cells will be present and they are where HIV tends to congregate. Other AIDS workers disagree and worry about deterioration of the walls of the vagina due to HIV infection. The controversy is hardly surprising given the priorities of the medical establishment. Saliva, tears, shit, piss and sweat have all been conclusively tested. The U.S. government's Centre for Disease Control (where most of us get our information on the epidemic) has not even collected

any lesbian specific information since 1984. Lesbians are almost as guilty of denial as the Centre for Disease Control. The story with lesbians and AIDS isn't just about the three cases reported in the medical journals. It is about the lesbians who get infected through men and IV drug use. It is about the response of other lesbians to these women. The lesbian "public front" is one of purity or angel

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## What feels good?

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## What gets you off?

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sex. Nonetheless, some sexually transmitted diseases, such as yeast, herpes, trichomoniasis, gardnarella, chlamydia, and "non-specific" vaginitis are shared between women. If we can avoid these we can avoid HIV.

However, we can talk about safer sex techniques 'til the cows come home and not touch on the

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# Looking At You

By Adam



This month I have decided on a slightly more serious subject for my column: Weight problems. A disorder that almost half the population of the country suffers from.

I am part of the hefty set (read: fat). I have never been skinny, I have always been on the chubby side. I am not obese (Thank god for that), but neither am I what is considered to be a desirable weight. I can take some small comfort in knowing that I am not alone. There are a lot of people out there who are in the same situation and despite the fact that we make up a large (no pun intended) portion of the population, it never ceases to amaze me how much prejudice is heaped upon us.

Some of you reading this article may raise your eyebrows a little and scoff at that last statement, but it's true. A prime example of this is the clothing industry. Fashion today is at an all time high, with many and varying styles. And yet so often, I walk into a store and cannot find that certain shirt in my size. Or that funky pair of pants, or that wild looking belt. The

things that I do find that fit are often on the plain, boring side of things. It makes it even more of a painful experience when some cute salesperson with a slightly condescending smile and a sickeningly sweet voice tells me that I might have better luck in a specialty shop. Most of these shops do have fairly nice clothes but also carry a price-tag that is enough to knock you on your ass. For those who are struggling to make ends meet as it is, this is not an option we can seriously consider.

What seems saddest of all though, is the treatment overweight gays and lesbians receive in their own community. One would hope that with all the prejudice that gay people face everyday that they would try to be a little more open minded. But instead the opposite seems to be true. I have even watched people I consider to be friends make callous, cruel remarks about overweight people. Although these remarks are rarely if ever directed at me, they still hurt because it makes me think that perhaps deep down inside they must

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real issues. It's a lot of precise talk about latex and positions. The real dilemma of women's sexuality and AIDS (I mean all women: uninfected, infected, straight, lesbian or somewhere else on the continuum) is fear, stigma, humiliation and isolation. It's time to confront our taboos and be open with each other. What feels good? What gets you off? How do you really feel about sex? About your body and yourself? How do you feel about a woman who is HIV+ and is asserting her right to a sexual life?

### DAM GUIDELINES (from Good Vibrations, San Francisco):

**What are these little squares of latex and what are you going to do with them?**

Please realize that dental dams were not originally designed for what you have in mind. Dentists use them to isolate a tooth from other teeth, tongue, and gums during dental procedures. However, an extremely sensual individual (probably a creative dental hygienist), thought of using dams for cunnilingus (mouth/tongue with female genitals) and analingus (mouth/tongue contact with the anus). And so, a new method of playful, safer sex was born. (A non-lubed condom can be cut open to form a rectangular shape, that is thinner than a dental dam.)

### How to:

The dam should be held against a woman's clitoris and vaginal opening while her lover licks, kisses and sucks the covered area. The woman, or her lover, can hold the dam in place during these activities. The dam is used in the same way for oral-anal play. This may sound easier than it actually is, since it's sometimes difficult to hold the dam firmly in place once the juices start flowing. But with a sense of humour, and a little patience, you can have a lot of fun practicing. There are also fun, elegant and sexy dam holders available, allowing all hands to roam free.

### Slippery when wet:

Because there is a tendency for the dams to become slippery and slide around, we recommend that you have several dams nearby and ready for use. Mark the dams on one side with a pen, so that if the dam gets lost during passionate play, once you find it you know which side is for the lick and which for the lickee. Better yet, use a fresh dam and avoid the possibility of exchanging body fluids. We strongly advise that you throw the dam away after one use.

**Now the real challenge, how are you going to get your partner to use the dam with you?**

Practice alone first. Put the whole dam in your mouth. (It's just a suggestion.) Lick it. How

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## Looking At You \_\_\_\_\_

feel the same about me.

If you are one of these people who look down on the overweight, remember this. Although you may have a good figure, this does not make you god's gift. It may be that your nose is too big. Or your teeth are horrendously crooked. It may be that you have acne scars or lank, lusterless hair. Or maybe you are just a mean spirited asshole that takes pleasure in hurting others feelings (in which case you are perhaps ugliest of all). No matter what it may be, we are all imperfect in one way or another. So before you turn your nose up to an overweight person, remember your own flaws. And also remember that behind those extra pounds of flesh, there is still a person who wants to give, and receive a little bit of what everybody desires, love, happiness, and most important of all, respect.

If this article has hurt your feelings, too bad. Be upset. My main wish is that maybe it will also open your eyes. To all of the overweight crowd out there, don't give up the battle. Do all you can to be a thinner person. But while you fight the battle of the bulge, try to remain happy.

Until we meet again darlings,  
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Yo!!! WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!

So you thought I'd leave you alone in the new year, eh? Not a chance, and I'm fully stocked with many more totally useless questions. I've saved this month's topic for a very special occasion and being the beginning of 1990 I figure that this is it. The topic is:

What is the connection between gays and leather anyway?

Many times both you and I have seen many of our gay friends in various leather garments, and depending on how close we are to them the leather garments become smaller. Leather garments are used for three main reasons:

- 1) Fashion
- 2) Pleasure
- 3) Dominance

**Fashion:** You can generally tell if someone is gay by simply watching to see if they own a black leather jacket. Now you must

admit it, gays and dykes look good in black leather, and we do our best to flaunt it. Of course the fashion conscious do not generally leave their jacket at that, they prefer to add nice little things to make their jacket unique such as chains, studs, handcuffs, and Mickey Mouse pins. The fashionable Drag Queen also looks smashing in leather and is not as restricted to black as the rest of the gay community. A red leather miniskirt with fish nets and a long leather trench is enough to make even the buchiest queen a beautiful success.

**Pleasure:** Every gay loves the feel of leather, it's soft texturing and hard exterior makes for a very erotic experience. The pliability of leather makes it able to correctly hug every curve and bulge the body has to offer. Sometimes just the very sound of it all as one walks can cause minor stimulation. Just watch the

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# Ace Leather

Modern Pink presents for you, the secret diaries of Ace Leather. Before his tragic death a short while ago, he kept these diaries telling of his bizarre and illfated life as a stripper and male prostitute.

Please note: some may find the contents of these diaries upsetting. We have censored out areas which could identify living persons or be considered pornographic.

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## Art Talk

By Ricky von Arteest

*Will return next month...*

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Nov. 10. ~~1986~~ 1986.

Life has been exciting lately, although I don't know if that is good or bad. I'm getting all depressed again. In a way I feel right now that this is more a suicide note or an obituary than a diary. I just want to die. I hope that when I do my parents will read this after I'm dead and feel lots of guilt. I really hate them right now.

How am I supposed to feel? They kicked me out two weeks ago without even giving me a chance to explain. My dad got a notion to search my room while I was out and he found my hash-pipe, which started a huge fight when I came home that ended with them kicking me out.

At least their timing was good. I trick'n treated for food and managed to survive by only putting my ass into hock a few times. Hope I made you happy, MOM! Enough guilt. I'm 19 now, I should be acting more mature. At ~~the~~



least now I'll have a place to stay. I was so surprised when 2 days ago this short, blond girl came up to me on the street and started talking to me. At first I thought she might be vice, so I was really rude to her, but then she convinced me that she was just a normal person and that she had been through the same thing. She invited me home with her. That's pretty strange in a town of this size.

She lives with a very intense girl named [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] is her real name but she hates it) They have a two bedroom basement suite at the edge of downtown, by the river. There's not much for light down here, but the heat works pretty well. [REDACTED] says I can stay if things work out (if [REDACTED] doesn't start hating me, that is) I ~~can~~ will have to pay a third of the rent, but, she won't take money that I've earned from hustling. So tomorrow she's going to help me look for a job. Why do some people just want to save the world?

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## D. Q.

average gay or lesbian as they walk by a leather store and the fragrance catches their nose. Chances are you will see a smile of remembrance cross their face.

**Dominance:** There are many leather items on the market that can be used for dominance. Leather whips are easily found at any boutique of erotica as well as leather handcuffs, gags, cock harnesses and rings, general harnesses, and collars as well as many other items. Leather used in domination can be extremely enjoyable providing that some caution is involved.

### Quiz of the month

Are you a leather queen or a biker dyke? Answer these questions and find out.

1) Do you own a pink leather cock harness or a black leather vibrator?

- a) I don't know what one would look like.
- b) I own one or both and use them proficiently.
- c) I have been planning to buy one for some time now.
- d) Yes!! this is my second one.

2) Could you imagine a life without leather?

- a) I'd much rather experience a nuclear holocaust.
- b) I couldn't.
- c) The question is "Could I imagine a life with leather?"
- d) I might be able to get used to it.

3) Do you get stimulated by the mere mention of the word leather?

- a) Slightly.
- b) No.
- c) Yes, definitely.
- d) 70% of the time.

4) How often do you incorporate leather into your sexual activities?

- a) 80% of the time.
- b) 100% of the time.
- c) 40% of the time.
- d) 0% of the time.

5) How do you feel about leather in general?

- a) The more I own, the happier I am.
- b) It doesn't really interest me.
- c) I like it but I don't find it very sexual.
- d) It turns me on but I don't require vast quantities.

Score:

- 1) A:1 B:4 C:3 D:5
- 2) A:5 B:4 C:1 D:2
- 3) A:3 B:1 C:5 D:4
- 4) A:4 B:5 C:3 D:1
- 5) A:5 B:1 C:3 D:4

5 - 7: You are in no way shape or form a leather queen or biker dyke. the smell of leather probably makes you sick. This feeling may be a result of too much bondage as a child.

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D. Q. \_\_\_\_\_

8 - 16: You are just starting to get the feel for leather and I'm sure with time and the right training you will learn to love it. The best training sessions in the world are held at the Mine Shaft in New York City. I suggest you attend one.

17 - 20: You may love leather but as of yet you haven't sold your soul over to it. You find your life has larger responsibilities than just leather. You are well balanced.

21 - 25: You worship the god of leather and consider Harley Davidson's the prince of the Earth. Be careful, at this point you may have sniffed too much leather and it may have gone to your head.



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9. Get Busy, MR LEE
10. Put Some Grace In Your Face, GRACE JONES
11. Love Shack, B-52'S
12. I Want That Man, DEBBIE HARRY
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# TALES FROM THE INSIDE

By Jimmy Bakker

## Editors Note:

Arriving just before our deadline, was the following letter from our friend Jimmy Bakker. We believe he must have gotten envelopes mixed up, in a rush to get his Christmas cards out in time. Since deadline was drawing near, and since it was probably better than his regular column anyway, we decided to print it. Parts had to be edited out due to extreme obscene nature. J M

Dearest Tammy Faye;

Its been several months now since I've felt the plump roundness of your loving bosoms. Weeks and weeks since our bodies and souls melted together into an orgasmic ball of hell fire. I long for your tits Tammy, I keep myself awake nights longing for your hot and sweet tunnel of carnal love. Will we ever be able to have screaming, pounding, hot and fuckable sex ever again? All I ever dream about is you, I want to

be bathed in your love juices,

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your cover girl heavy duty long lash mascara!! Oh, Tammy, I long for your firm but gentle spankings, your leather whips, your super dong vibrator in places I could never write about, and

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## Demented Things \_\_\_\_\_

That only begins to touch on what you can do, and of course if you get a partner to participate the possibilities are endless. So, next time you find yourself bored try terrorizing commuters, it's great fun. (You've probably guessed by now that I drive.)

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Send us a letter telling of your experience, maybe it was a place that was particularly accommodating to you as a gay or lesbian person. Then others will know of a place where they will receive friendly treatment. Or let us know of a place to avoid, after all, why patronize someone who is unfriendly, or unwilling to recognize us for who and what we are, people!

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# CONSUMER ALERT

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Dear Alert:

I should warn you about the homophobes at the Sukiyaki House. I go there a great deal, both in mixed and in womyn only parties.

When we go there as a mixed group, we have a wonderful time, the service is fine and the food is good value for money. "So far so good," she said with a wry smile...

Were that things came off as well when we go there without the brotherly presence of men. Twice we have gone there, wimmin only, and been seated next to the bathroom (in a vast empty room with lots of vacant tables), as they tell us, "So sorry, please, but all other tables are reserved." Sure, two hours later they are still empty.

"Big deal!" cry the skeptics. Well, we can live with the lousy table and the view down the hall towards the men's room, but then we get glacially rude service, the dishes get banged down on the table, and the check comes to us, unasked for, ten minutes after they bring the main course. You'd think they were crowded to the walls, the way they rush we three quiet little dikes out.

So, I can understand that some servers think women aren't worth treating well because we don't give big tips. Heck, I didn't even bother the second time, just paid the bill to the penny, left it on the table, and left my straightforward comments on the back of the check (where they thoughtfully provide just such a space to do that).

The kicker is this: two men, friends of my partner and I, got the same crappy treatment after they made the mistake of holding hands across the table.

To sum up: service is lousy to gay people. The food is great. I regret that I shan't be eating Sukiyaki House sushi again until they have a take - out and delivery service.

Of course, I could always ask one of my gay men friends to 'squire' me...

Disgustedly,

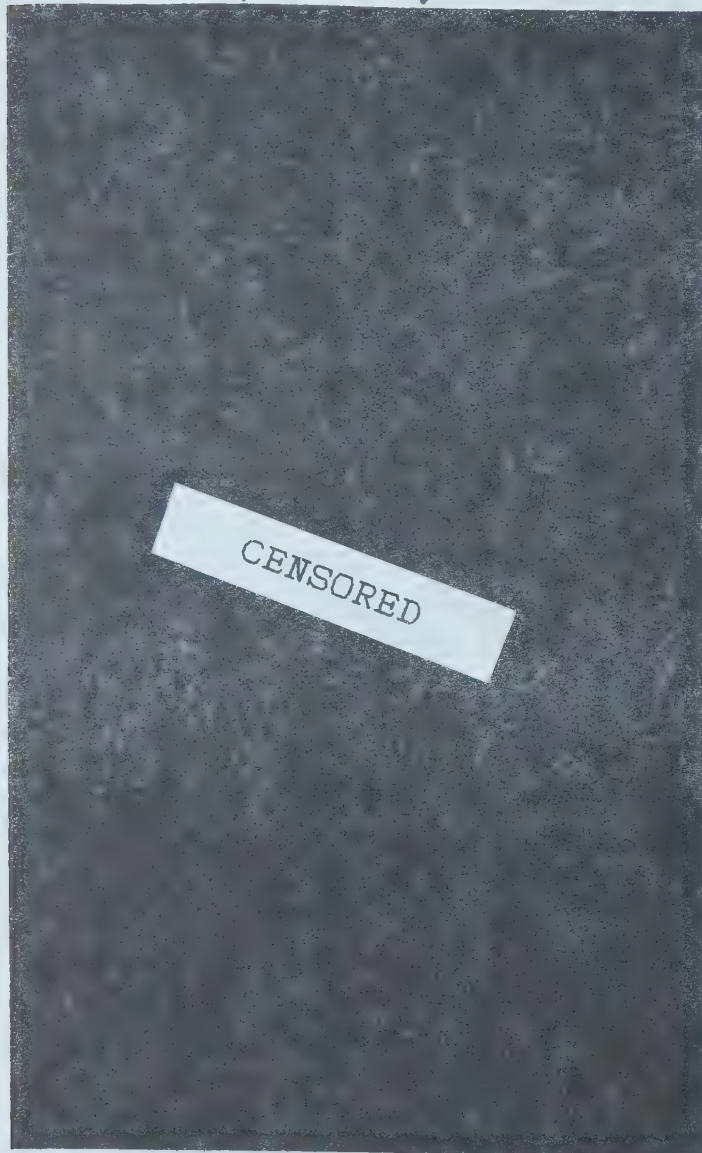
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Tales \_\_\_\_\_

your lipstick smeared all over my  
excited, naked body!

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does it taste? (If your using condoms, try several different brands. They all have there own unique flavour.) Better you should make that funny face now than when your face is between your lover's legs. If the dam's flavour bothers you, wash it with a non-irritating soap, rinse thoroughly, and it will be rendered tasteless.

Touch yourself with the dam -- brush it against your face, tickle and rub your genitals with it, snap it against your skin. We encourage you to play with the dams in this way until you are embarrassed at how much you are enjoying them.

Next, when you feel the situation is suitable, (we suggest a non-sexual setting, for instance during dinner), tell your lover or potential lover about the fun you've been having with dental dams. Or tell this person how

ridiculous you feel about playing sexually with a little piece of latex. Have a dam handy so you can show the person what you are talking about. Spark curiosity - offer to share your toy and be the safer sex coach. Ask this person's feelings about safer sex and listen to the response. If you are truly committed to having only safer sex with someone, is this person the someone, is this person even willing?

Dams are a great tool for starting conversation about safer sex. Having them handy and being able to talk about using them shows a concern for yourself and others. Once the conversation gets started, you may find out that using dams is unnecessary with this person or that you no longer want to be sexual with this person. You may also find they have the same desires you do! Explore and have fun.

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## And Good Afternoon

By Joey Sayer

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The concept of the bathhouse is certainly not unique to modern western gay civilization; far from it in fact. It seems, however, that this is unfortunately the only form in which this once noble institution still survives.

I wanted to start this column off with a bang, and every lesbian I've met seemed to want to know the nitty-gritty as to what went on in "Goliath's Saunatel"; thus I decided to spend a night of investigative reporting there in order to get the real scoop. I must say it was an eye opening experience.

But before I get started on the details, a bit of advance information may be in order.

Goliath's, is the only operating gay bathhouse in Calgary, at least that I know of, and is located at 308 - 17 Ave S.W. (Accessible only from the alley, I might add.) Alongside 318, and Victoria's, it forms a minuscule "gay ghetto" all of it's own. It is a successor to "David's," now the Warehouse's "Underground Pub." David's and Goliath's -- someone's idea of a

joke. Ha, Ha.

I approached my evening at Goliath's with several preconceived notions, despite my best efforts to enter unbiased. Amongst these was my image of bathhouses in general, gleaned from that which people had told me; stories and articles in magazines; and my own overly fertile imagination.

I had pictured in my mind a maze of corridors, dark to the point of barely being able to distinguish the figures of those standing before you. Men of all shapes and sizes (mostly however, size 48 and collecting social security) stalking those halls clad in only a skimpy white towel, if anything. Cubicles, dimmer than the hallways, furnished with a crusty cot and (at least) two sets of overactive hormones. Silence, as deep as the darkness, broken only by grunts and moans and the symphonic voices of men in orgasmal ecstasy. Faceless, nameless sex. The fellow sitting on your face perhaps being your Uncle Roger--whom you've always

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suspected--but you remain uncertain because he doesn't speak and you can't quite make out his features.

These then were my preconceptions. Which ones were accurate remains to be seen.

So, it was that on the 8th of December, shortly after 10:30 p.m. that I opened the door to this "Saunatel" and entered my very first bathhouse.

As you step into Goliath's you enter a short hallway. In front of you lies a barred "tellers cage" and a door buzzer, to the right a locked door. As no one was at the cage, I rang the buzzer. Twice. I counted four minutes in my head, and then, ignoring this all-too-obvious sign from god, buzzed again. An irate voice appeared from nowhere, informing me that I was heard the first time. Almost immediately a man appeared in the "cage" (I honestly forget what he looked like) and asked if he could help me.

What was this? No one told me I had to converse!

"I'd--uh--like a room for the evening, please." I managed to stammer in what I was a not-too-naive voice.

I was informed that in order to do so, I had to purchase a membership (good for six months), sign my life away no less than four times, and rent the room proper, not forgetting a deposit for the key. One surprising thing,

though: despite the several signatures required, I was not once asked for I.D. Foolishly, I gave them my real name.

The cost breakdown, by the way, was as follows:

Membership.. \$ 5.00

Room Rental.. 12.00

Key Deposit.. 2.00

for a total expenditure to date of exactly nineteen dollars.

(Ahem, Jim? This was research for Modern Pink. Receipts are forthcoming.)

I was buzzed in through the locked door and given a towel, a key and directions to my room (Room 110; left, then left again). As I started on my way, I noticed a rack displaying about 15 copies of the December Modern Pink. My nymphomaniac self on the cover was a very comforting sight, so I grabbed one and, getting lost only once, found and entered my room...

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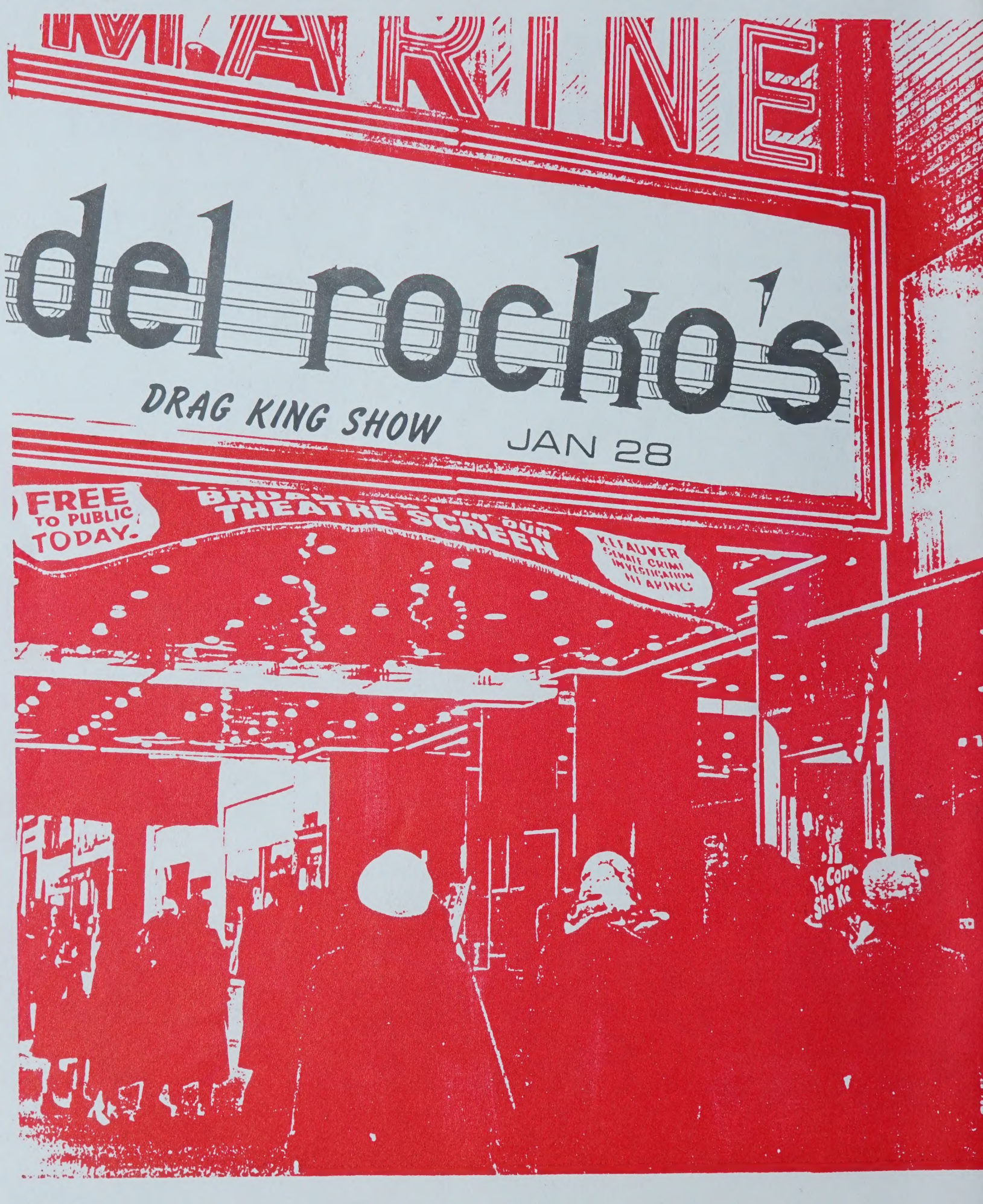
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